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HOURLY WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED CONSTRUCTION TRADES, MAINE, 1984  
(continued)

Trades	Number of Workers	Hourly Wage Rates			
		Low	Median	High	Average
Trades in More Than One SIC					
(continued)					
Electrician	432	\$4.50	\$ 8.75	\$18.65	\$10.17
Flagger	18	3.50	4.74	5.50	4.77
Grader/Scraper Operator	39	5.75	8.30	11.20	8.27
Insulation Worker	155	3.35	7.00	20.87	10.41
Ironworker, Reinforcing	95	5.67	13.19	15.64	12.13
Ironworker, Structural	155	3.50	13.40	18.44	12.00
Laborers, Including Helpers & Tenders	2,804	3.00	5.25	12.83	5.65
Loader Operator, Front-End	188	3.50	6.75	18.41	7.09
Mason (Includes Bricklayer)	235	5.00	10.00	14.32	9.85
Mechanic	128	4.00	7.00	20.12	7.36
Millwright	99	5.00	11.50	15.39	11.83
Oilburnerman	32	5.50	7.63	12.00	7.81
Oilier	7	13.58	13.58	14.43	13.94
Painter, Brush	279	4.00	6.00	14.00	6.13
Painter, Spray	22	5.50	7.00	8.00	6.85
Paperhanger	12	5.85	6.95	9.00	7.16
Paver, Bituminous	34	4.50	6.53	8.75	6.45
Pipelayer	49	4.75	7.50	11.68	7.17
Plasterer	8	6.75	9.00	12.00	9.78
Plumber, Pipefitter, Steamfitter	492	4.50	9.00	19.45	10.22
Refrigeration Mechanic	17	7.00	9.25	11.50	9.29
Roller Operator	65	4.00	6.15	8.40	6.16
Roofer	194	3.75	7.25	11.00	7.30
Sheet Metal Worker	277	3.50	7.86	14.40	8.04
Sprinkler Fitter	28	4.00	8.50	13.67	8.41
Tile Setter	11	5.69	8.00	11.25	8.12
Tool Operator, Power Actuated	35	4.25	7.00	10.17	7.47
Truck Driver (2 Axle)	263	3.75	5.50	9.84	5.68
Truck Driver (3 Axle)	430	4.00	5.50	10.00	5.73
Truck Driver (Tractor-Trailer)	84	4.50	6.07	10.75	6.31

**NOTES**

**Average Wage:** The weighted average computed by multiplying each rate by the number of workers receiving that rate then dividing by the total number of workers in the trade.

**Median Wage:** Literally, the middle rate, that is no more than half the workers in a trade earn less and no more than half the workers earn in excess of this figure.

**SOURCE:** Bureau of Employment Security, Division of Economic Analysis and Research, Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment (for September 1984 employment data).

**TECHNICAL NOTES**

Rates shown in this publication should not be confused with rates used in any general or specific area determination. There are two major differences between this data and the determined rates. The industry groups differ significantly. For this publication, the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system Major Industry Groups are used. Prevailing wage determinations, on the other hand, cross SIC groups. Also, no rate is set for a trade having less than 10 workers statewide, but data is shown here for trades with fewer than 10 workers if it was judged to be usable and did not violate confidentiality restrictions.

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## Maine Construction Wage Rates 1984

The Maine Construction Wage Survey is conducted annually under the Prevailing Wage Rate on Construction Projects Law. The major purpose of the survey is to provide accurate hourly wage rates by trade for State-funded construction projects.

The 1984 survey had an initial mailing to 828 construction firms. Data from 532 respondents was used to produce the 1985 wage determinations and, subsequently, this publication. There were 150 unused reports having fewer than five employees during the survey period. The remaining 28 received, but not used, were out of business or no longer operating in the State of Maine. The data shown is based on 9,900 workers or about 46% of the 21,600 employed in the Construction Industry Division in September 1984.

The industry-wide average hourly wage for 1984 was \$7.43. This is slightly higher than the 1983 average of \$7.13. The overall higher average wage is due to an increase in the average hourly rates in approximately two-thirds of the occupations.

AVERAGE WAGE RATES  
BY MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUP, 1982-1984

	Average Wage		
	1984	1983	1982
<u>Construction Industry</u>	\$7.43	\$7.13	\$7.25
Building Construction	7.13	7.59	7.42
Highway & Heavy Construction	6.73	6.10	5.85
Special Trades Construction	8.11	8.02	8.57

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## HOURLY WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED CONSTRUCTION TRADES, MAINE, 1984

Trade	Number of Workers	Hourly Wage Rates			
		Low	Median	High	Average
<u>Building Construction (SIC 15)</u>					
Backhoe Operator	44	\$5.75	\$ 7.05	\$18.41	\$ 8.14
Bulldozer Operator	15	5.00	7.10	18.29	8.64
Carpenter	1,685	4.00	6.65	14.19	7.07
Cement Finisher	42	4.50	7.00	10.65	7.19
Crane Operator (Less Than 15 Tons)	7	6.27	7.00	18.41	8.87
Crane Operator (More Than 15 Tons)	11	6.00	8.50	19.05	11.20
Dry Wall Applicator	6	3.50	5.25	8.50	5.83
Ironworker, Structural	73	4.75	11.35	15.64	10.94
Laborers, Including Helpers & Tenders	1,095	3.35	5.25	10.32	5.66
Loader Operator, Front-End	21	3.50	6.50	18.41	7.76
Mason (Includes Bricklayer)	69	5.00	10.00	13.34	9.38
Mechanic	11	4.00	7.50	20.12	8.13
Millwright	31	8.50	10.00	13.84	10.97
Painter, Brush	89	4.00	6.00	14.00	6.60
Plumber, Pipefitter, Steamfitter	32	6.00	10.00	14.77	11.38
Roofer	15	3.75	6.90	8.00	6.28
Sheet Metal Worker	61	3.50	7.00	14.40	7.74
Truck Driver (2 Axle)	46	4.00	6.00	9.84	6.67
Truck Driver (3 Axle)	11	5.00	8.50	10.00	7.77
Truck Driver (Tractor-Trailer)	6	5.00	10.00	10.75	9.01
<u>Highway &amp; Heavy Construction (SIC 16)</u>					
Backhoe Operator	143	3.35	7.50	12.21	7.76
Bituminous Plant Operator	7	5.00	7.50	8.10	7.19
Bituminous Raker & Spreader	45	4.75	6.00	8.65	6.06
Blaster	15	5.75	10.00	12.00	8.96
Bulldozer Operator	113	4.75	7.60	12.50	7.94
Carpenter	81	5.50	7.75	13.84	7.98
Compressor Operator	24	3.75	5.93	10.12	6.08
Crane Operator (Less Than 15 Tons)	40	6.70	10.00	14.75	9.92
Crane Operator (More Than 15 Tons)	21	6.50	8.75	11.00	8.46
Crusher Plant Operator	18	5.00	6.67	10.60	7.11
Flagger	15	3.50	4.74	5.50	4.75
Grader/Scraper Operator	32	6.00	8.50	11.20	8.73
Ironworker, Structural	21	7.00	8.75	15.12	10.30
Laborers, Including Helpers & Tenders	735	3.35	5.00	10.56	5.37
Loader Operator, Front-End	122	4.25	7.00	11.20	7.33
Mechanic	91	5.00	7.40	11.13	7.39
Paver, Bituminous	30	4.50	6.75	8.48	6.45
Pipelayer	39	4.75	7.00	11.68	7.01
Plumber, Pipefitter, Steamfitter	42	7.50	10.00	13.75	10.44
Roller Operator	61	4.00	6.25	8.40	6.18
Sheet Metal Worker	7	5.25	5.50	10.00	6.80
Truck Driver (2 Axle)	136	4.00	5.00	9.00	5.31
Truck Driver (3 Axle)	298	4.00	5.50	9.00	5.71
Truck Driver (Tractor-Trailer)	50	4.50	5.50	10.00	5.88

HOURLY WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED CONSTRUCTION TRADES, MAINE, 1984  
(continued)

Trades	Number of Workers	Low	Median	High	Average
<u>Special Trade Contractors (SIC 17)</u>					
Backhoe Operator	96	\$4.00	\$ 6.50	\$10.00	\$ 6.63
Bulldozer Operator	73	5.00	6.50	8.75	6.61
Carpenter	159	3.35	7.00	15.00	7.65
Cement Finisher	52	5.00	7.50	12.00	7.25
Compressor Operator	10	5.00	7.00	8.50	6.94
Crane Operator (Less Than 15 Tons)	12	5.00	6.75	22.09	11.80
Crane Operator (More Than 15 Tons)	7	6.50	18.40	20.82	13.72
Dry Wall Applicator	111	4.00	10.00	12.00	9.22
Dry Wall Taper & Finisher	82	5.50	10.00	13.00	9.76
Electrician	354	4.30	8.25	18.65	9.61
Grader/Scraper Operator	7	5.75	6.00	7.00	6.14
Insulation Worker	124	3.35	5.58	20.87	9.43
Ironworker, Structural	61	3.50	14.65	18.44	13.86
Laborers, Including Helpers & Tenders	974	3.35	5.50	12.83	5.83
Loader Operator, Front-End	45	4.25	5.79	10.00	6.11
Mason (Includes Bricklayer)	140	5.25	10.00	14.32	9.79
Mechanic	26	4.75	6.75	10.00	6.94
Oilburnerman	31	5.50	7.75	12.00	7.88
Painter, Brush	190	4.00	6.00	8.50	5.91
Paperhanger	12	5.85	6.95	9.00	7.16
Plasterer	8	6.75	11.75	12.00	9.78
Plumber, Pipefitter, Steamfitter	398	4.50	8.50	19.45	10.05
Refrigeration Mechanic	17	7.00	9.25	11.50	9.29
Roofer	179	3.75	7.50	11.00	7.39
Sheet Metal Worker	209	3.50	8.00	12.50	8.17
Sprinkler Fitter	28	4.00	8.50	13.67	8.41
Tile Setter	11	5.69	8.00	11.25	8.12
Truck Driver (2 Axle)	81	3.75	5.50	9.00	5.72
Truck Driver (3 Axle)	121	4.00	5.50	9.00	5.62
Truck Driver (Tractor-Trailer)	28	5.50	6.50	8.75	6.51
<u>Trades in More Than One SIC</u>					
Backhoe Operator	283	3.35	7.00	18.41	7.42
Bituminous Plant Operator	7	5.00	7.50	8.10	7.19
Bituminous Raker & Spreader	58	3.50	5.75	8.65	5.70
Blaster	19	5.75	10.00	12.00	8.94
Bulldozer Operator	201	4.75	7.00	18.29	7.51
Carpenter	1,925	3.35	6.75	15.00	7.16
Cement Finisher	103	4.50	7.00	12.00	7.29
Compressor Operator	39	3.75	7.00	15.35	7.27
Crane Operator (Less Than 15 Tons)	59	5.00	9.40	22.09	10.18
Crane Operator (More Than 15 Tons)	39	6.00	8.75	20.82	10.18
Crusher Plant Operator	22	5.00	6.57	10.60	6.81
Dry Wall Applicator	117	3.50	10.00	12.00	9.05
Dry Wall Taper & Finisher	103	5.00	9.00	15.00	9.17